

Dear Dual History and Archives Management Students:

Welcome to Simmons and to the dual MA/MS degree in History and Archives Management! We are writing to provide you with some information that will help you to select your first semester courses and begin planning your program of study.

### **History Section Online**

Anticipating that incoming History Master's students and dual degree students may need some flexibility surrounding their arrival on campus, the History Department has committed to offering one section of **History 597: Historical Research and Methods**, online. This is the gateway class required of all incoming students. The rest of our course offerings will follow Simmons's overall decision about when we can resume campus-based classes or whether we should continue online learning for the fall. Either way, we are committed to making sure everyone has great course options.

Currently, History 597 has two in-person sections listed for Fall 2020. When you register, choose the section that best fits with your schedule (even if you plan to take courses 100% online in the fall). Once there has been a determination about fall courses, we will reach out to you to ensure that you are registered for the section that fits your needs.

**As you prepare to register for your first semester at SLIS, please keep the following in mind:**

- **LIS Virtual Orientation:** [LIS 400-OL](#) is required for all entering LIS students (no-credit, no-cost)
- **[LIS Core Curriculum](#):** All LIS and dual degree students are required to complete these three core courses within their first 12 credit hours of study:
  - LIS 407: Information Sources and Services
  - LIS 415: Information Organization
  - LIS 488: Technology for Information Professionals
- **LIS 438 - Introduction to Archival Methods and Services:** This is a prerequisite for most of the other archives courses and includes a 60-hour add-on internship. This course is offered online and on the Boston campus in both Fall and Spring semesters. **As a Dual Degree Archives/History student, you should plan to take LIS 438 in your second semester.**
- **We recommend that you take the following in your first semester:**
  - **If you plan on taking 3 courses (full-time, 10 credits):** HIST 597, LIS 415, and LIS 407 or LIS 488

- **If you plan on taking 2 courses (part-time, 7 credits):** HIST 597 and LIS 407, LIS 415, or LIS 488

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We look forward to welcoming you to Simmons!

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